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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/684/Add.2)*]

54/243. Support account for peacekeeping operations

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998, 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, 53/12 B of 8 June 1999 and 54/243 A of 23 December 1999 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations,[2] the performance report on the use of support account resources for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

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[1] Consequently, resolution 54/243, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/54/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 54/243 A.

[2] A/54/800.

[3] A/54/797.

[4] A/54/832.

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[2] and the separate performance report on the use of support account resources in respect of the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;[3]

2. *Recognizes* the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a Security Council mandate;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Affirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

5. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States and, to that effect, that the Secretary-General should request adequate funding to maintain the capacity of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

6. *Decides* to maintain for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

7. *Approves* the establishment of four hundred and sixty-nine support account-funded temporary posts, including one P-3 and one General Service post for the Training Unit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

8. *Notes* the importance of the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive concept of the United Nations rapid deployment capability, invites, in this regard, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations to review the concept of the Rapid Deployment Management Unit, including its compatibility with the rapidly deployable mission headquarters, in accordance with paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the mandate of relevant committees before requesting any human or financial resources;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General timeously to inform Member States of all job vacancies in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and in field missions;

11. *Reiterates its requests* to the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to avoid duplication and overlapping among departments of the Secretariat related to backstopping peacekeeping activities, and requests him, in this regard, to keep the General Assembly informed about concrete measures taken;

12. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions, as well as relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

13. *Approves* the support account post and non-post requirements in the amount of 50,699,900 United States dollars gross (43,237,900 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

14. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 2,179,000 dollars from the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of 601,000 dollars in miscellaneous and interest income, and to prorate the balance of 48,520,900 dollars gross (41,058,900 dollars net) among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets, to meet the resources required for the support account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

15. *Stresses* the importance of providing detailed and comprehensive information on activities related to training, including information on how it serves the interests of the United Nations.

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